

Granby Economic Development & Growth Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 6:30 pm
New Library, 297 East State Street – Main Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

Members: Jay Joyce, Chairman
Bryan Hauschild
Bill Porter
Jim Trompke
Lillian Camus (Alternate)

Absent: Gary Glenn
Wilmont Lewis (Alternate)

Call to Order: Jay Joyce called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval September 24, 2019 Minutes

Jay Joyce asked if there were any changes to the September 24, 2019 minutes. Hearing none.

Motion made by Bill Porter and seconded by Jim Trompke to approve the September 24, 2019 minutes. Motion carried 4 in favor (Jay Joyce, Lillian Camus, Bill Porter, Jim Trompke), 0 opposed, 0 abstained

Open Action Items

Businessman's Recommendations

- 1) Extend Industrial Park 1 Zoning = across from old dump – The memo has been signed by Select Board. A signed copy of the memo was given to the Economic Development and Growth Committee and Planning Board.
- 2) Land acquisition
 1. Sand Plains State Park Land off Green Meadow Lane - A decision was made not to address this until after the Granby Municipal Electric Department is created.
 2. Route 202 acreage abutting Town-owned land – West State Street to access Town-owned land-locked parcel.

Jim Trompke asked if we should be proactively marketing small box stores that can get away with a well and a septic system.

Jay Joyce noted he attends a lot of workshops and promotes Granby at every one of them.

Jim Trompke suggested the Selectboard should be talking with the assessors to see what kinds of short-term tax incentives we can offer.

Bill Porter will pose the question of business incentives at the next Assessor's meeting and get back to the Economic Development and Growth Committee with the response.

Dead Trees

Jay Joyce informed the Committee that National Grid will only remove trees that hang over the utility lines. Dave Desrosiers has surveyed half the Town and has arrived at a total of 150 dead trees so far.

Jointly with Belchertown, Granby went to MEMA regarding the problem of the trees. Northern Tree said because the trees are near utility lines they charge between \$1,000 to \$1,500 per tree.

On Monday, October 28 there will be an article presented at the Special Town Meeting for \$100,000 to begin the removal of the identified dead trees.

The MVP Grant will be changed to request \$1.9 million for the water line and \$100,000 for tree removal. MVP grants are reimbursed to the Town after the projects are completed.

Community Compact

After discussion,

Motion made by Bill Porter and seconded by Brian Hauschild to close the Community Compact because there's no money available. Motion carried 5 in favor (Jay Joyce, Bryan Hauschild, Bill Porter, Jim Trompke, Lillian Camus), 0 opposed, 0 abstained

Granby Master Plan

After discussion,

Motion made by Brian Hauschild and seconded by Bill Porter to close the Granby Master Plan because we sent our memo to the appropriate channels. Motion carried 5 in favor (Jay Joyce, Bryan Hauschild, Bill Porter, Jim Trompke, Lillian Camus), 0 opposed, 0 abstained

Rt. 202 Upgrades – Except Village Center

- 1) Water Line at 5 Corners (awaiting Mass DOT FY2023) – Grant application withdrawn because Mass DOT extending intersection of Rt. 202 and School Street out to 2023. We have from now until 2023 to get plans finalized. Suggestions that before updating the residents, we should have a signed contract with South Hadley. (Jay to take care of this)

- 2) The grant request \$1,943,328.40
 - a. Municipal match plus in-kind contribution is 25% of the grant or \$700,543.60
 - i. In-Kind (MASS DOT) contribution = \$560,000.00
 - ii. In-Kind (Granby) contribution – hours spent by
 1. Granby Project Manager (Jay Joyce)
 2. Granby Contract Administrator (Chris Martin)
 3. Granby Civil Engineer/Technical Advisor (Dave Desrosiers)
 - b. Maximum Town's net contribution = \$140,543.60
- 3) Chris Martin and Jay Joyce to meet with South Hadley Fire District 1, MASS DOT and Chappell Engineering Associates, LLC to address outstanding issues. The issues are
 - a. M8 Permit
 - b. Design Updates
 - c. Cost Estimations (Police Details)
- 4) Temporary easement of 16 ft. all on the North Side for Mass DOT to park their vehicles.
- 5) All folks have to connect to the water line and disable their current wells to avoid possible contamination.
- 6) Sewer Lines – TBD by voters
- 7) Natural Gas Lines – TBD if natural gas goes forward. Currently, there is a statewide moratorium on new natural gas lines.

Rezoning

After discussion,

Motion made by Brian Hauschild and seconded by Bill Porter to close the rezoning item. Motion carried 5 in favor (Jay Joyce, Bryan Hauschild, Bill Porter, Jim Trompke, Lillian Camus), 0 opposed, 0 abstained

Jay Joyce will ask Cathy Leonard to forward Michael Bolton's report to Bill Porter for the Assessors.

Grants/Loans

- 1) MEMA Grant – to remove dead trees over high tension wires. Town must pay bill first and then get reimbursed.
- 2) MVP Grant – resubmit during next open application period which has to be submitted on November 30, 2019. Jay to work on the application. – South Hadley Town line to 55 West State Street.
- 3) Mass Works Grant Application - TBD
- 4) EPA Water Structure Funding Loan – Waiting on response from Steve Nally
- 5) Small Town Road Assistance Program Grant Application – (STRAP) = TBD
- 6) Economic Development Grant Application = TBD –

- 7) Community Development Block Grant - Jim Mazik, PVPC, informed the Town may be able to get a grant.
- 8) PVPC DLTA Grant – Eric Weiss
 - a. “Kickoff” Meeting completed, no meetings since. Waiting for PVPC to schedule.

EV Charger Stations

After discussion, the Committee decided to transfer the EV Charger Stations to the Energy Committee

Motion made by Brian Hauschild and seconded by Bill Porter to transfer this item to the Energy Committee and remove from agenda. Motion carried 5 in favor (Jay Joyce, Bryan Hauschild, Bill Porter, Jim Trompke, Lillian Camus), 0 opposed, 0 abstained

Chapter 61 Land

General Bylaws Update is in process. Bill Porter to check on if the ruling on Chapter 61 Land is a State or Federal law.

After discussion,

Motion made by Jim Trompke and seconded by Brian Hauschild to close Chapter 61 Land agenda. Motion carried 5 in favor (Jay Joyce, Bryan Hauschild, Bill Porter, Jim Trompke, Lillian Camus), 0 opposed, 0 abstained

Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) Program

- 1) Solar Moratorium in effect until January 31, 2020
- 2) Granby Municipal Electric Department
 - a. Grant received from PVPC. PVPC is researching requirements and permitting.
- 3) Revenue Producing Solar Bylaws
 - a. MA DOER is currently updating requirements which are scheduled to be released in November 2019
 - b. Review recommended Solar Bylaw Updates for revenue increase

New Town Hall & Senior Center

Baker’s \$4 Million Bond Status = TBD

- 1) Jay, Bryan Hauschild and Chris Martin discussed this with the Governor’s Representative.
- 2) Bryan Hauschild suggested not including the Senior Center and increase the requested amount to \$4.8 million for just a new Town Hall.

Address Select Board's comments to our memo

- 1) Rt. 202 Upgrade
 - a. Need an individual (Jay) to contact National Grid to possibly move existing utilities underground. Jay is currently working on the dead tree issue with National Grid.
 - b. Historic District incorporate historic looking streetlights
 - i. Contact utilities for future planning/funding

New Business

None.

Old Business

The FY 2019 Agendas, Meeting Minutes and Reports are on Cathy Leonard's list to be posted to Town of Granby Webpage.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the New Library.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Jim Trompke and seconded by Brian Hauschild to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.
Motion carried 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

I, Lillian Camus, certify that these minutes are true and accurate minutes of the October 22, 2019 Granby Economic Development and Growth Committee meeting.